

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 25 and 27 to 30 are pending in the application, with Claim 15 having been amended herein. Claims 1, 8, 27 and 29 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the indication in the Office Action that Claims 1 to 14, 15/8, 16/8, 17/8, 18/8, 19/8, 20/8, 21/8, 22/8, 23/8, 24/8, 25/8 and 27 to 30 have been allowed.

The Office Action also indicates that submission of a formal drawing is required for amended Figure 24 as set forth in Applicants' Request For Approval Of Drawing Changes filed on March 17, 2003, and now approved by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Letter Transmitting Formal Drawing and the new formal drawing for Figure 24, filed concurrently herewith, satisfy this requirement.

In the Office Action, Claims 15/1, 16/1, 17/1, 18/1, 19/1, 20/1, 21/1, 22/1, 23/1, 24/1 and 25/1 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly containing subject matter which was not sufficiently described in the specification.

Without conceding the correctness or propriety of the foregoing claim rejection, Applicants have amended Claim 15 herein so that all of Claims 15 to 25 now depend from Claim 8, either directly or indirectly. Accordingly, in view of the amendment to Claim 15 herein, reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112, first paragraph, claim rejection are respectfully requested.

No other matters having been raised in the Office Action, and in view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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